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California Energy Commission
Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for the proposed project entitled "Local Benefits from Building Energy Standards"

Dear Commissioners:

As Director of the City and County of San Francisco's Department of Environment, I am committed to helping ensure that California's building stock is achieving the ambitious and important energy performance standards that state and local governments have established. To facilitate continued progress in implementing present and future standards, local governments need documentation of the fiscal benefits that derive from improved building energy standards. The proposed research from UC-Berkeley's Center for Resource Efficient Communities (CREC), Center for the Built Environment (CBE), and Fisher Center for Real Estate and Urban Economics will provide this documentation.

I have reviewed the proposed research and am confident in its approach and usefulness. In particular, the proposed guidebook for local governments will directly aid our work to improve building energy performance and help the Energy Commission to meet its ambitious building-related energy goals. San Francisco's Department of Environment will use the findings generated by this research to help communicate to our local community, colleagues and policymakers the municipal fiscal benefits that flow from improved building energy efficiency.

In short, I whole-heartedly support this research and hope you will do the same.

Sincerely,

Melanie Nutter
Director

